

Hon'ble CM Yogi Adityanath felicitated the winners of IndiaSkills Regional Competitions 2018- Northern Chapter

- **27 winners** announced; one per skill category
- Winners and runners-up qualified for the National Finals, to be held in July
- **Uttar Pradesh** tops the chart with highest number of winners (10 Gold + 4 First Runner Ups); followed by **Delhi** (12 winners) and **Punjab** (9 winners)
- IndiaSkills Regional Competitions are organized under the aegis of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship



Lucknow, June 2, 2018: After 3-days of great display of passion and grit, the Northern Chapter of IndiaSkills Regional Competitions 2018 concluded today in a grand ceremony, held at Indira Gandhi Pratishan, Lucknow. The regional finale was graced by the august presence of Yogi Adityanath, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh and Shri Chetan Chauhan, Minister of Sports, Youth Welfare, Vocational Education and Skill Development, Uttar Pradesh.

Winners, first runner ups and second runner ups were announced in each skill category, totaling to 90 awardees. (*Annexure: Awardees' List)

Chief Guest of the closing ceremony, Yogi Adityanath, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh applauded the participants and said, "IndiaSkills encourages the young generation to display their skills at various national and international platforms. It is a proud moment for Lucknow to host this competition and I congratulate all the participants from 12 different states who have travelled a long way to display their great potential. Our youth is the future of our country, and it is imperative that we invest in their skilling to realise the vision of our Hon'ble Prime Minister, which is to make India the skill capital of the world."

He further added, "Our objective of **One District One Product** is aimed at realising that each district in Uttar Pradesh has its own unique offering; and should thus connect with the State and Central Government to leverage it for local economic development. Skills play a crucial role in this movement and is certain to a new direction to the youth of the country. It is our endeavour to bring a connect between mainstream education, skill development and entrepreneurship and in the 2-3 years, we are certain to be able to extend more than 20 lakh employment opportunities for the skilled workforce in the state. This will also be able to address the issue of migration."

Shri Chetan Chauhan said, "Congratulations to all the winners. It is a delight to see the passion with which everyone has competed in their respective skill trades. I am happy to know that out of the eleven trades in which Uttar Pradesh participated, it has bagged first rank in 10 skill trades. There is a huge global demand for skilled workforce and it is imperative that we work jointly with the central government and ensure that we soon become a powerhouse for skills for the international market."

Other leading dignitaries present at the occasion were senior officials from Central and State Government including Shri Bhuvnesh Kumar, Secretary, Department of Vocational Education & Skill Development; Shri Pranjay Yadav, Mission Director, UPSDM; Shri Jayant Krishna, ED & COO, NSDC and Shri Jaikant Singh, Senior Head - State Engagement, NSDC and Shri Ranjan Choudhary, Head-WorldSkills India, NSDC, among others.

Mr. Jayant Krishna, ED & COO, NSDC, said, “The stupendous performance of the youth here in Lucknow, the capital of UP, India’s most populous state, puts spotlight on the country’s biggest strength - its young and rich talent pool, which must be harnessed with right vocational education for creating a high-quality and skilled workforce. The IndiaSkills Competitions are envisaged to create opportunities for the youth at the state and regional levels and select the best talent to represent India at various International platforms.”

Over 200 contestants from five states - Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Chandigarh participated in 27 skills/trade competitions that were organised by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) under the aegis of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).

The 3-day event has been organised to promote skill development and equip the youth with job-ready skills for a better livelihood, in line with the Government of India’s **Skill India** mission. Winners of the competitions came from various categories, including Cooking, Restaurant Service, Confectionery/Pastry Cook, Fashion Technology, Beauty Therapy, Hairdressing, Welding, Automobile Technology, Carpentry, Mechanical Engineering Design (CAD), Web Design, Electronics, IT Software Solutions, Graphic Design Technology, Mobile Robotics, among others.

The closing ceremony began with a short film focusing on the journey of the contestants from different backgrounds and geographies towards IndiaSkills Regional Competitions. This was followed by announcement and prize distribution to the winners.

The Southern Chapter of the regional competition will be held from June 21st to 23rd in Bangalore. The winners from the regional competition will compete at the National Competition from 15th to 18th July in New Delhi. The IndiaSkills Regional Competitions is the platform for youth to showcase their talent and get opportunity to represent India at the next WorldSkills International Competition scheduled in Kazan, Russia in August 2019. In 2017, India ranked 19 among 56 countries participating at the WorldSkills Competition organized in Abu Dhabi. More than 1300 competitors competed in 51 skills/trades at this competition.



About National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)

NSDC is one of its kind public-private-partnership with an objective to facilitate skill training in partnership with private training providers. Till date, NSDC has approved 350+ training providers and 39 Sector Skill Councils, with a geographical spread of 7,000+ training centres in 600+ districts across the country. NSDC has trained more than 1.4 crore people across sectors.

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